

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE THIRD CIRCUIT

Nos. 14-2961 & 14-3128

Patrick Brady, *et al.*,

Plaintiffs

v.

Air Line Pilots Association, International,

Defendant,

CURETON CLARK, P.C.

THEODORE A. CASE,

Intervenor-Appellant

Appellant.

**CONSOLIDATED JOINT APPENDIX
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ON APPEAL FROM THE DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY
CAMDEN VICINAGE
CIVIL ACTION NO. 02-CV-2917

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

PATRICK BRADY, *et al.*,)
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 Plaintiffs,)
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 v.) Case No. 02-2917 (JED)
)
 AIR LINE PILOTS ASSOCIATION,)
 INTERNATIONAL,)
)
 Defendant.)

DECLARATION OF ALLEN P. PRESS

I have personal knowledge of the facts stated below, and declare under penalty of perjury that they are true and correct to the best of my information and belief:

1. I am an attorney and shareholder of the St. Louis, Missouri law firm Green Jacobson, P.C. I am licensed to practice in Missouri (1991) and Illinois (1992). I am also licensed to practice in the United States District Courts for the Eastern District of Missouri, Southern District of Illinois and Northern District of Illinois; the Court of Federal Claims; the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals and the Federal Circuit Court of Appeals.

2. Our firm specializes in complex commercial litigation, including class litigation. We were retained in this case by a group of TWA Pilot Class Representatives in the Spring of 2006. They retained us after having conducted a year long nation-wide search for replacement counsel when the Cureton firm withdrew from the case.

3. As our firm often does in large, complex commercial cases, we agreed to represent the class of TWA Pilots on a contingent basis. The typical contingent fee that we require is one-third (33%).

4. During the last ten years, our firm has tried three class action cases to verdict, including the liability trial of this case. The other two cases we tried were in the Circuit Court of St. Louis County, Missouri, and styled *Eisel v. Midwest Bankcentre*, case no. 02CC-001055D and *Carpenter v. Countrywide Mortgage Company*, case no. 02CC-001055B. Consistent with our typical fee arrangements, the courts in the Missouri cases awarded legal fees of 33% of the amount of the judgments entered.¹

5. I had primary responsibility for this case at our firm. In that role, I managed a massive discovery effort, reviewed nearly every document produced, took and defended more than 35 fact and expert witness depositions, managed the extensive motion practice undertaken in the case, marshaled the evidence for presentation at trial, and first-chaired the trial.

6. Although I had primary responsibility for the case at my firm, there were several other lawyers at the firm who played important roles in prosecuting the case. Chief among them was Joe Jacobson. Mr. Jacobson was part of the trial team, and was key in preparing and trying the case. He thereafter worked closely with me and our principal expert during the damages phase of the case. Jonathan Andres was also integral to the case. In particular, Mr. Andres handled many discrete discovery and

¹ In both cases, the judgment we obtained on behalf of the class was affirmed by the Missouri Supreme Court.

legal issues, assisted in the briefing, and acted in an advisory role throughout the case. Likewise, our senior partner Martin Green played an important advisory role throughout the case.

7. Our firm was constantly assisted and consulted by Lisa Rodriguez, Nicole Acchione, and other lawyers at the TRR firm. The prosecution of the case was truly a team effort between our two firms, and through our collective efforts, we obtained a verdict that stunned an industry. We then made a record-setting settlement for the TWA Pilots.

8. The results we obtained are nothing short of remarkable, and were made further remarkable in light of the enormous risks we faced. The TWA Pilots' case was unprecedented in scope and subject matter, and was aggressively defended by highly skilled lawyers with a seemingly endless budget. A survey of the case law reveals very few reported cases in which a union member successfully sued his or her union for having breached its duty of fair representation, and none are class actions that involved a seniority integration.

9. In light of these facts, and the facts set forth in Lisa Rodriguez' Declaration, it is my opinion that a reasonable fee for our services would be at least 30% of the recovery we obtained for the TWA Pilots. A "cross-check" with our "lodestar" further supports that opinion.

10. The chart attached as Exhibit 1 is a summary of the time spent by the lawyers at my firm on this case, and the lodestar calculation.

11. The lodestar chart was created from our firm's billing program. Every

lawyer in the firm records his or her daily time, and those entries are inputted into our billing program. The program can then produce a variety of reports. To create the lodestar chart, I analyzed our Work-In-Progress report for this case. That report captures every time entry made in the case by every lawyer in the firm who worked on it. In performing my analysis, I made reductions or deletions for time that I believed was not reasonable.

12. All told, nine lawyers at my firm worked on this case at one time or another over the last eight years. In addition to me, those lawyers were: Martin Green (our senior partner admitted to practice in 1956); Joe Jacobson (a partner admitted to practice in 1986); Jonathan Andres (a partner admitted to practice in 1991); Fernando Bermudez (a partner admitted to practice in 1992); James Simeri (a senior associate); Timothy Lemen (a senior associate); Bradley Schneider (a junior associate); and Petya Beltcheva (a junior associate). The reasonable hours worked on this case by these lawyers is summarized below:

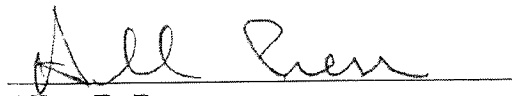
Allen Press	5,373.15
Joe Jacobson	1,387.20
Jonathan Andres	887.25
Timothy Lemen	422.35
Petya Beltcheva	307.80
Martin Green	285.60
Fernando Bermudez	150.70
Bradley Schneider	135.60
James Simeri	<u>21.00</u>
Total:	8,970.65

13. To calculate my firm's lodestar, I took the total reasonable hours worked by each lawyer as reflected above, and applied the range of prevailing rates in the New

Jersey market for lawyers with similar experience and skills as reflected in Lisa Rodriguez' Declaration. Those calculations produce a total lodestar of \$5,306,572.75 for my firm.

14. My firm incurred \$792,497.66 in out-of-pocket expenses attributable to this case. These expenses are summarized in Exhibit 2, and are reflected in our firm's records. The expenses were all directly related to the advancement of the case, and are reasonable in amount. Our travel for the case was always economy class, and no extravagance was ever taken.

Dated May 6, 2014

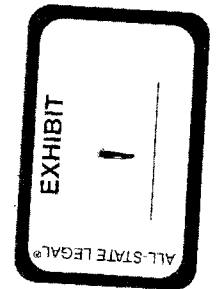

Allen P. Press

GREEN JACOBSON, P.C.

Categories:

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| (1) Investigations, Factual Research | (5) Communications |
| (2) Discovery | (6) Settlement |
| (3) Pleadings, Briefs and Motions
(including legal research) | (7) Litigation Strategy and Analysis and
Case Management |
| (4) Court Appearances/Mediation/Hearings | |

Attorney	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total Hours	Rate	Amount
Allen P. Press	60.5	1998.80	1063.25	1295.50	415.85	131.25	413	5373.15	\$630	\$3,385,084.50
Joe D. Jacobson	5.75	304.90	186.10	613.80	102.15	99.70	74.8	1387.20	\$630	\$873,936.00
Jonathan F. Andres	34.4	292	254.50	33.7	130.45	2.3	139.9	887.25	\$630	\$558,967.50
Timothy J. Lemen		81.65	199.10		5.35		136.35	422.35	\$285	\$120,369.75
Petya Beltcheva							307.80	307.80	\$265	\$81,567.00
Martin M. Green	28.5	10.25	99.25	83	5.55		59.05	285.60	\$630	\$179,928.00
Fernando Bermudez		1.5	140.1				9.1	150.70	\$430	\$64,801.00
Bradley Schneider		11.5	89.3				34.8	135.6	\$265	\$35,934.00
James J. Simeri	12		9					21	\$285	\$5,985.00
							TOTAL	8,970.65		\$5,306,572.75

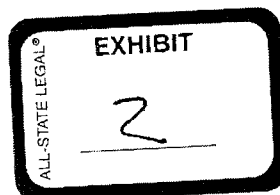


TWA CASE - EXPENSE REPORT

Firm Name: Green Jacobson, P.C.

Reporting Period: June 2006 to present

Description	Amount
Courier/Federal Express	\$7,420.29
Court Reporters/Transcripts	\$51,233.58
Travel: air transportation, ground travel, meals	\$161,290.39
Outside copying	\$7,247.76
Computer research	\$6,981.26
Consultants/experts	\$544,155.31
ATT conference calls	\$1,217.27
Mediator	\$10,105.05
Special Master	\$720.13
Process server/witness fees	\$2,126.62
Total Expenses	\$792,497.66



1 THE COURT: Okay. Thank you.

2 Well, okay. Let me start with the lodestar. I know
3 that sometimes one of the most brilliant judges in the Third
4 Circuit, Tony Scirica, thinks it's a mathematical calculation,
5 where, you know, you have a computer, you have a little
6 calculator, and you just punch these numbers in and you come
7 up with a number.

8 We have -- what's the name of the lawyer who gave you
9 an affidavit as to the reasonableness of your fees and your
10 partners' fees?

11 MS. RODRIGUEZ: Michael DeBenedictis.

12 THE COURT: Michael DeBenedictis. He testified that
13 your fees were reasonable.

14 To me, at least, from my experience in seeing fees all
15 the time, the fees are reasonable for the New Jersey market,
16 which is, of course, the market we're in.

17 The -- I'm also persuaded that, and I did the
18 calculation, I lowered, just arbitrarily, I said, look, what
19 if I found that the -- that the blended rate for the lodestar
20 was \$400 an hour, rather than the 500--something that it was?
21 You would still have a multiplier of about two, which is a
22 very low multiplier.

23 In other words, if I just arbitrarily said, well, this
24 is one, you know, we're down here in South Jersey, Middle
25 Township, we don't -- Cape May County, we don't charge \$527 an

1 hour, it's \$52.70 an hour. But the -- say nothing of what it
2 is in lower township or upper township. These are some of our
3 finer municipalities down here in South Jersey. And you have
4 them in Missouri, too, those kind of counties.

5 And the -- so I said, what if, for reasons that I can't
6 understand, some judge says, no, the blended rates should have
7 been \$400 and that, to me, of course, is too low, but you
8 still only have a multiplier of two, you know, which is, you
9 know, in the world of multipliers, still a very reasonable
10 multiplier. In a case that's lasted seven years, that was
11 totally on a contingency, where risk of nonpayment was very
12 great.

13 So, I probably shouldn't say this, it probably leaves
14 an opening for the Court of Appeals, but, you know, I find
15 that the rates that were charged and actually billed were --
16 were reasonable for the New Jersey market and should be used
17 for the lodestar.

18 By the way, just for the record, I want to put -- put
19 the numbers again. I found that Trujillo Rodriguez had 7,602
20 hours 22 hours -- 7,602.2 hours and had a blended, a dollar
21 number of 3,576,347 -- 342, excuse me, and 10 cents, and that
22 gives a blended rate of \$470.43.

23 For the Schnader firm, 1,281.3 hours, for \$668,883.50.
24 That's a blended rate of 522.03. And for Green Jacobson,
25 8,970.65 hours, for \$5,306,572.75. That's a blended rate of

1 591.55. Total number of hours, 17,854.15. Dollars,
2 \$9,551,798.35, and the hourly rate of \$534.99.

3 Now, I've been using fifteen-nine for those
4 calculations. So when we said there was a 1.66, I am going to
5 -- I heard the argument. I think his was always contingent
6 and I think that we have to reduce the number -- I gave you
7 the number, didn't I? Have to go find it now.

8 MR. PRESS: I wrote it down, Your Honor.

9 THE COURT: What do you have?

10 MR. PRESS: \$15,543,128.63.

11 THE COURT: Okay. I just don't know -- I write it
12 down and then I lose it. Oh, found it again. It is,
13 \$15,543,128.63, that's what I have. And that's deducting the
14 expenses of \$1,189,571.22, getting a net receipts of
15 \$51,810,428.78, taking 30 percent of that, and getting the
16 number I got.

17 That's the fee I'm going to award, and that makes
18 actually the multiplier a little -- not by a lot, but, you
19 know, makes it slightly lower than the 166.

20 But again, as I -- I'm influenced by -- you know,
21 somebody came along and came up with a number that I think is
22 surficially below the applicable blended rate that should
23 apply in a case like this. You're still at basically two or
24 less, multiplier, and you just have to leave that smattering
25 of cases, including the one I read the other day, Scirica

1 versed, where, you know, when you're talking 4.6 -- and
2 Scirica didn't object to that, by the way. He didn't -- he
3 didn't say that that was too high. What he said was that not
4 using a blended rate, but using a -- just the rate of a
5 high-paid lawyer to calculate the lodestar was wrong.

6 I mean, he didn't -- he wasn't, per se, objecting. I
7 mean, maybe he will later, but he didn't object then, to the
8 4.6 number. He just wanted to see a blended rate calculated
9 correctly. So...

10 Well, okay. That's my ruling. Improving the fee with
11 the one modification that I made. Again, and I'm accepting,
12 as a proper lodestar, the hourly rates billed by -- actually
13 billed by the -- well, the three law firms involved here:
14 Ms. Rodriguez, your two firms, and then Press and Jacobson.
15 So, I'm going to approve that.

16 Now, can you carry on?

17 MS. RODRIGUEZ: Sure.

18 MR. COHEN: Yes, Your Honor.

19 THE COURT: I don't want anybody to suffer from -- I
20 don't know exactly what to call it, but...

21 MR. PRESS: Your Honor, I could use a five-minute
22 break.

23 THE COURT: Let's take a -- I'm going to stay up
24 here, I'm not even going get off, it's too much trouble. Go
25 take your break and come back. Anybody who wants to take a